

1 ~~20.~~ A device comprising a backplane comprising:
2 a low tier that is capable of aggregate traffic rates of up to approximately two gigabits per
3 second; and
4 a high tier that is capable of aggregate traffic rates of up to approximately twenty gigabits per
5 second;
6 wherein said device comprises one of: an access processor unit, a modem unit, and a
7 combined access processor and modem unit.


REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of this application is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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